

MANY WILL HONOR COL. WHITTLESEY

Military and Patriotic Organizations to Send Delegations to Services.

LETTERS STILL AWAITED

More Evidence Found That Hero of Lost Battalion Meditated Suicide.

Speakers at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, where a service in memory of the late Lieut.-Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, leader of the Lost Battalion, is to be held on Sunday, beginning at 3 P. M., will be the Rev. James J. Halligan, chaplain of the 308th Infantry in the war, and its commander, Col. Nathan K. Averill.

The choir of Grace Church will sing two hymns. Tans will be sounded by a bugler of the regiment. Seats will be reserved for Col. Whittlesey's relatives.

The rest of the drill hall will be open to the public. All the military and patriotic organizations to which Col. Whittlesey belonged will send delegations, as well as the Williams and Harvard clubs. A programme for the service was arranged yesterday by a group of his friends, after consultation with his father and mother in Pittsfield.

John B. Pruyn has not yet made any attempt to open the safe deposit box wherein the will, of which he is executor, is supposed to be. He will probably file the will for probate next week. A bundle of papers left by Col. Whittlesey in his desk in his law office at 14 Wall street, addressed to his brother, Elisha Whittlesey, proved to be documents relating to the brother's personal affairs. Nothing further has been learned as to the motive for suicide and nothing is expected until the arrival here of the letters which Col. Whittlesey left in his stateroom on the steamship Toluca, and which Capt. Grant handed to the American Consul at Havana upon arrival there on Wednesday.

Another sign of premeditation is the fact that last Saturday morning, just before leaving his East Forty-fourth street boarding house to go to the Toluca, Col. Whittlesey gave Mrs. Sullivan, his landlady, a check for his room and board for the full month of December. He was accustomed to pay in advance, a friend said, and although December had not yet arrived and he knew it would never arrive for him he did not forget.

"If I were you I'd cash this check right away," he said to Mrs. Sullivan. "All checks ought to be cashed promptly, you know."

She thought nothing of this at the time except that a man of affairs was giving her good advice. She now realizes that Col. Whittlesey's last thought was to save her a bit of inconvenience. After his death the bank could not have paid until directed to do so by Col. Whittlesey's executor, after the will was probated.

INCORRIGIBLE BOY SENTENCED

Joseph Heyman, 17, who finished a six year sentence in the Jewish Penitentiary April 4, and was sentenced yesterday to the New York Reformatory, to remain there until he becomes 21. Magistrate Frothingham, in Essex Market Court, found Joseph guilty of attempting to steal bundles from an automobile. Since his release in April he has served two months on conviction as a pick pocket.

CENTRAL HOSPITAL BUREAU ADVOCATED

Better Distribution of Patients in Cooperative Effort Seen in Proposal.

MANY CHANGES URGED

A central hospital bureau, to arrange a better distribution of patients in hospitals, unify hospital reporting, gather hospital information and aid in cooperative buying was urged last night at a stated meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine, in which the programme was furnished by members of the public health committee of the Academy. The findings of the committee, which has conducted a survey of the hospitals of the greater city, were made public in a paper presented by E. H. Lewin-Corwin, executive secretary. The survey, begun nearly a year ago, is said to be one of the most comprehensive of its kind ever attempted. There are 22,000 hospital beds in the city, sufficient to meet present needs on the basis of one bed available for every fourth sick person. The average utilization of available bed capacity, Mr. Corwin said, does not exceed 70 per cent.

Chief among other recommendations was one for a more generous provision of inexpensive private and semi-private beds for the use of persons in moderate financial circumstances. "In order that the manifold problems of the hospital should be kept continuously before the public," said Mr. Corwin, "a central hospital bureau should be established which would act as an exchange of experience and a storehouse of information."

"Such a bureau would contribute toward a better distribution of the patients among the hospitals, would bring about the unification of hospital reporting, would be a repository for information on morbidity, would be an aid to the public in forming an opinion as to the needs of the institutions. It also would supply information to benefactors, trustees and architects and would stimulate efficiency of hospital work and organization."

Additional uses which such a central body could provide were suggested by Dr. W. Gilman Thompson in a discussion which followed the presentation of the findings of the committee. The method of supporting such a central bureau has not yet been determined, but the suggestion that aid might possibly be received from a "foundation" prompted Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare, to enter vigorous opposition. Commissioner Coler participated informally in the discussion by invitation of Dr. George David Stewart, president of the academy.

Outstanding among the other recommendations embodied in the survey were cited the following needs:

An expansion of facilities for the care of convalescent and chronic disease cases. Ampler funds for maintenance purposes and the employment of larger nursing and other professional staffs. In municipal hospitals it was noted that nursing care is "particularly inadequate."

Reorganization of training schools to attract a larger number of pupils. Greater utilization for medical research and teaching.

Change of policy where necessary to admit a larger number of physicians to the opportunities of hospital practice. The committee reported that at the present time only slightly more than 40 per cent. of the physicians in the city are associated with hospitals. The percentage of surgeons is higher. More uniform method of statistical and financial accounting. The hospitals of the city expend annually for maintenance \$25,000,000. Salaries and wages account for 25 per cent. of this sum, the rest is for the purchase of food, equipment and other overhead.

Dr. George B. Wallace, chairman of the subcommittee, which assisted in the survey, and Dr. S. S. Goldwater also spoke. Dr. Charles L. Dana, chairman of the public health committee, presided.

BANKERS AND BROKERS TO AID HOSPITAL FUND

James Speyer Is Chairman of Committee of Sixty-four.

Support to the United Hospital Fund was pledged yesterday by bankers and brokers meeting in the office of Speyer & Co., 21 Pine street. James Speyer was made chairman of a committee of sixty-four bankers and brokers who are to do active work for the campaign. Walter B. Frew was made treasurer.

Among the members of the committee are August Belmont, Allen B. Forbes, Piers Jay, Hugo J. Leon, Gates W. McGarrath, Charles H. Sablin, J. Louis Schaeffer, Frederick Straus, Francis M. Weld, Junius S. Morgan, George B. Post, Harvey D. Gibson, Percy R. Pyne, W. S. Enloe Roosevelt, Moses Taylor, Elisha Walker, Eugene V. R. Thayer, and Lewis Iselin.

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